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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RE-ESTABLISHED myself in BUSINESS at this Port, under the Name of GEO. R. STEVENS & CO., Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 604

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

M. R. HARRY ARNOLD WOOLNOUGH is appointed SECRETARY of the above-named Company and is authorized to Sign for it in that Capacity.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS,
General Manager.

Hongkong Dispensary,
3rd April, 1886. 676

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the above Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on THE 20th day of April, 1886, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions proposed and passed at the last Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 3rd day of April, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that the aforesaid Resolutions being duly Confirmed, an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of April, 1886, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolutions proposed and passed at the last Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 3rd day of April, 1886.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in Liquidation, or the Balance of such Claims purchased 1.—By an immediate Payment in Cash of not less than 90% for the whole amount.

2.—By payment being made in fully paid-up Capital of the Corporation's 2% per cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock, carrying interest from date of issue, and exchangeable for Stock Warrants of \$100 with Half-Yearly Interest Coupons attached, on the Stock being made up to any even multiple of \$100.

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H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, February 15, 1886. 314

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

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and every description of Banking and
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chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 27, 1886. 402

NOTICE

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours are weekdays, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received, nor depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having at 1200 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Stamp Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawal may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass Book are necessary.

8.—For the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf, Godown and Cargo-Boat Company.

9.—The Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship, and/or STORE GENERAL CARGOES, SILK, OXUM, COTTON, GRAIN OF MERCHANDISE in First-Class Granite Godowns at Cheap Rates. Also CLOTH in specially constructed Sheds.

10.—For the convenience of Commanders and Storers the Company's launch Hongkong will convey to and fro those interested FIRM OF CHARGE, starting from the Pedder's Wharf every hour from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon to the hall-

for further Particulars, apply to

W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
Agent.
Pedder's Street.

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DENTISTRY.
FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly ARTICLED APPRENTICE AND LATE
TELLING ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS).

At the request of his European
and American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly oc-
cupied by Dr. Rogers.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.
See Address.

2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED by an En-
gineer of long experience in the
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siderate Address. 'ALPHA' Office
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MacEwen, Fricke & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

YORK HAMS.
ROLL BUTTER.
TOPCORN BUTTER.
FRENCH BUTTER.
ERR'S COCOA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
PICNIC TONGUES.
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CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS.

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BORDEN'S
CONDENSED MILK.
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SACCONI'S Old Invalid PORT.

Old Bourbon WHISKY.

BURRE'S Old Irish WHISKY.

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MARSALA.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
OF
OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEwen, Fricke & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

Intimations.

**Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s
PIERS AND GODOWNS,
WEST POINT.**

THESE are now in Working Order.
STEAMERS are BRETHED at the Wharf,
and CARGO RECEIVED and STORED at Cheap
Rates.

THE GODOWNS are two storied, dry,
airy, and well suited for the STORAGE of
SILK, COTTON and WOOLLEN PIECE GOODS,
as well as GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Advances made on Cargo stored.
For Rates and further Particulars, apply
to the MANAGER, or to

Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 202

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, if upon
their arrival in the Harbour, NONE of
the Company's POLEMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the
HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is required, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. Gillies,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 148

To-day's Advertisements.

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargos & Passengers at through rates
for OULFOO, TIENSIN, NEW-
CHWANG, HANKOW, and Ports on
the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
CANTON, Captain BRENTON, will be
despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 16, 1886. 759

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY

ISLAND, COOKTOWN,
TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY
AND MELBOURNE, &c.

The Steamship
TIGER, Captain CLEON, will be
despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 p.m.

This Vessel has unusually good Cabin
Accommodation, situated amidships, upon
the upper deck.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,

Agents.

Hongkong, April 16, 1886. 760

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The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
SUMATRA

Will leave for the above
places TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at
Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

A. MAYER,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 16, 1886. 762

FOR SHANGHAI

The Steamship
AMAY,

Capt. R. KÖHLER, will be
despatched for the above
TO-MORROW, the 17th instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HIMMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 16, 1886. 758

CHIARINI'S GRAND
CIRCUS—AND—
MENAGERIE

OPEN

EVERY NIGHT,

At 6 P.M. COMMENCING AT 9.

TOMORROW,

SATURDAY, 17th April,

ANOTHER GRAND
AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE

WILL BE GIVEN

To which Signor CHIARINI invites
FEES OF CHARGE
all the inmates of the Orphanages, accom-
panied by their guardians.

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AFRICAN LIONS

Now appearing nightly.

GRAND EQUESTRIAN SCENE.

GYMNASTIC FEATS OF SKILL AND AGILITY.

All the Ladies in different Acts of
Equestrianism.

Wonderful Exhibition of Hippie training
by Signor CHIARINI, introducing superb
and magnificent Horses.

GRAND ZOOLOGICAL COLLECTION.

ONE TICKET ADMITS TO ALL.

Secure Seats at the HONGKONG HOTEL

L. MAYA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 16, 1886. 762

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

Manager, NIL O'BRIEN.

Patron:

His Excellency THE OFFICER ADMINISTER-
ING THE GOVERNMENT, THE HON. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 17th April, 1886.

LAST NIGHT

OF THE

MASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY,

AND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT

to

M. R. N. E. O' BRIEN,

Who will appear in

THE SCREAMING IRISH COMEDY,

HIS LAST LEGS.

The Comedy will be preceded by

THE CHARMING OPERETTA,

THE ROSE OF AUVERGNE,

THE ROSE OF AUVERGNE.

REMEMBER THE LAST NIGHT

OF THE SEASON.

Conductor, Signor M. A. VALENZA.

By kind permission of Colonel FORSTER and
Officers, the Band of the 5th Regt. will play Appropriate Selections during
the evening.

Doors open at 8.30. Overture at 9 precisely.

Box Plan at KELLY & WALSH'S (LTD.),

Hongkong, April 16, 1886. 764

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kaiwo*, having

arrived from the above Ports, Con-

signment of Cargo are hereby informed that

their Goods are being landed at their risk

into the Godowns of Messrs. JARDINE,
MATHESON & Co., West Point, whence

delivery can be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Claims must be sent in to the Officers of

the Undersigned, before Noon on the 24th

instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and

any Goods remaining in the Godowns after

the 24th instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary is given before
Noon To-morrow.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents.

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VICTORIA & REGINA.

HONGKONG POLICE ATHLETIC
SPORTS.

To be Held on an Early Date,
which will be duly Notified.

His Excellency the Administrator, Hon.

W. H. MARSH, C.M.G.

President: W. M. DEANE, Esq., Capt. Superintendent of Police.

STEWARDS: Hon. E. J. Ackroyd.

Lieut. Col. Anderson, 6th Regt.

G. C. Anderson, Esq.

W. M. B. Arthur, Esq.

Dr. P. B. Ayres, Esq.

J. S. Browne, Esq.

THE CHINA MAIL.

said he had given them to a friend, who, Tane Ayung, who was convicted of stealing a bundle of clothes on board the *Pioneer*, would buy them and pay the purchase money in a week. The money not being forthcoming, the complainant sent her son to Canton to make enquiry; and he found that the statements made by the prisoner were false. Several other similar swindling tricks with jewellery were discovered by the complainant, and she had her son arrested on a charge of embezzeling \$153 and obtaining \$100 on false pretences. After some evidence had been led, the case was remanded till Monday, bail in two squalid \$100 each being fixed.

Messrs. Johnson and Croker have just all but completed another small steamer for service on the Haiphong river. The new vessel, named the *Agnes*, is 130 feet long, 24 feet in width and has a draught of 4 feet 6 inches. Her hull is entirely composed of wood, she is fitted with an awning deck, has been specially constructed for river service, and has accommodation for eight first-class passengers on the awning deck. The contract speed was 8½ knots per hour, but in a trial trip yesterday on the measured mile a speed of 8½ knots was attained. The trial was considered highly satisfactory by Captains Ross and Garceau, the representatives of the owners, Messrs. Roque & Co., and the *Agnes* will proceed to her destination under the command of Captain Garceau, with Mr. Jack as chief engineer, in the early part of next week.

The Mascotte had again to perform to a poor house yesterday evening, the unpleasant weather and the entertainment at the Club, Germania, as well as the Circus, all tending to draw off theatre-goers. The "Lily of Killarney" was the piece chosen, and the performance was again capital. With two exceptions, the cast was the same as when the opera was performed on the occasion of Mr. Reid's benefit. Miss Thompson undertook the part of *Mrs. Osgan*, formerly taken by Miss Hubert, and sustained it very creditably; and Mr. Harris, an amateur, personated *Sleath* in an amusing manner. Miss Davenport was in good voice, as was also Miss Seymour, and both sang exceedingly well. The various duets, arias, quattrilles and choruses went well, the pretty and generally familiar music appealing strongly to the sympathies of the audience. The Hunting Chorus, by ten members of the Northamptonshire Regiment, had to be repeated. A small orchestra from the Band performed a number of popular selections during the interval.

We would again remind our readers that Mr. Neil O'Brien, the manager, will take his benefit to-morrow evening, when the programme will consist of the operetta "Rose of Auvergne" and "His Last Leg." This is also the last performance of the season.

It will be remembered that about five days ago a Chinese cook at the Cosmopolitan Dock wantonly shot an Indian watchman named Dill. This morning the cook, whose name is Chu Afuk, was charged before Mr. Mitchell-Innes with shooting at the Indian with intent to do grievous bodily harm to him. The complainant, who received a shot in the leg and who has sufficiently recovered to appear in Court, said he went to the salutary box, situated in a passage near the cookhouse, and took from it a pie of soup, leaving the box open and in it a loaded revolver, which is always kept there. When he had gone about twenty feet from the box, he heard a click such as that made in cocking a revolver; and on turning round he saw about 8 yards distant the Chinese cook with the revolver in his hand pointed at him. Immediately on his turning round the Chinaman fired the revolver and hit him on the left leg. The revolver had been levelled at the middle of his back while he was stooping down to wash his hands. The Indian on getting the shot rushed at the Chinaman and seized him. The Chinaman threw the revolver away and tried to escape, but the Indian, drawing his knife, threatened to stab him if he stirred from the spot, and the Chinaman was cowed. The occurrence is attributed to an ill-feeling between the Chinese dock servants and the dock watchmen on account of the latter refusing to allow the outside friends of the Chinese to come through the gate at night. The prisoner was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Two other prisoners were committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions by Mr. Mitchell-Innes at the Police Court this morning. The first was Im Ochein, who was charged with breaking into a house in Lascar Road and stealing clothing and jewellery to the value of \$20 belonging to a shoe-maker named Kwan Nui. The second was Chan Chui, against whom a charge of bringing an assault and wounding a contractor named Chan Apai and stealing from his person \$25. The prisoner was charged some days ago, along with four others, at the instance of Servant Mian with being connected with this robbery. Against the other four there was not sufficient evidence to establish such charge, although they were suspected of being notorious burglars; and they were simply held over to find two more of \$20 each to keep the peace for six months.

The prisoner, however, was identified by the lister in the Wilderness, Shanghai, as being one of the five men armed with revolvers and knife, who attacked him near Hospital Road. The prisoner was the one who seized him by the back of the neck, and who pointed a dagger at him when he tried afterward to arrest him.

Mr. Villiers, of the *Graphic*, is reported to have had a touch of the sun at Mandalay, and has been promptly ordered by the doctors to leave at the earliest possible opportunity. Mr. Melton Prior, of the *Illustrated London News*, leaves Upper Burma along with him.

A TELEGRAM received in Calcutta states that the *Hastie* case has proceeded, one step further. On an appeal in the Court of Session, the decision in favour of Mr. Hastie has been reversed, with costs. There only remains an appeal to the House of Lords, but the question of jurisdiction has been practically settled.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Canada indicating the short-sightedness of what he calls the "home" doctrine of the War Office, in not establishing recruiting depots in any of the large cities of the Dominion for the enrolment of men for the Army. We are assured (says a military journal) that the measure would be most popular, and that any number of good men, of splendid physique, would be forthcoming, and would gladly undertake any service. "We admit that we are astonished at the want of foresight of those who so strenuously oppose all ideas of utilising our Colonies as fields for recruiting. That sooner or later we shall do so is certain. But why not make a move at once? There is everything to recommend the measure. It would be most gratifying to the Colonists; it would enable us to fill many gaps in the ranks of attenuated battalions; and it would be another link binding the Colonies to the mother country. In all respects it would be of immense advantage, and yet nobody seems to be prepared to act."

The following will no doubt interest our lady readers:—All light dress fabrics should be made fireproof. The *Lancet* points out that this can be done inexpensively. With tungstato of soda the process is very simple, and starched materials especially, as it is only necessary to add one part of tungstate to every three parts of starch. Should the material not require starching, dissolve 1 lb. of tungstate of soda in two gallons of water, saturate the fabric, and then let it dry. It will not affect in any way even the most delicate colour, and ironing does not interfere with the efficacy of the process. Muslim so treated may be held in the flame of a candle or gas lamp without catching fire; so that, although this part in contact with the flame may be charred or even destroyed, there is no danger of its spreading. In the Exhibition of 1873 Mr. Donald Nicoll exhibited a stool which possessed the property of rendering the finest cambric and muslin not only inflammable, but almost incombustible.

Mr. Travers, in speaking on the Crofters Bill in the House of Commons, passed some scathing remarks on the American, Vinson, who has cornered a part of Scotland as his own little world:—"An effective tribunal exists which is to give compensation for rights taken away. I think we will hear the last of these 'pet lamb' cases—(hear, hear)—which have been the scandal of the Highlands of late years (cheers). But, undoubtedly, the present condition of these deer forests is in many cases the greatest abomination that has ever been perpetrated under the name of law and order, and it is such abuse that largely necessitates the legislation now before us. (Hear, hear.) I speak as a spontaneous, not a very skillful one—(laughter)—but one as keen as any in this House for my years, and I say that the selfish absorption by one of all the pleasure—(hear, hear)—all the health—(hear, hear)—all the advantage that can be got out of seven deer forests, covering a space of at least 135,000 acres, and I believe I am understanding it—with all the degradation and humiliation of his small neighbours and the demoralisation of the servants he employs—(hear, hear)—and I am speaking of a particular man—(cheers)—excuse me in feelings which I certainly very much prefer not to express in words, but to embody in the proposals of legislation which I now lay before the House. (Cheers.)

An Indian correspondent furnishes the *Melbourne Leader* with the following:—Mr. N. Salinger's Opera Bouffe Company is a genuine combination of opera bouffe and is composed of several numbers of the defunct Melville Company, which came to grief last March in Calcutta. The company was organised at Bombay in the month of April last for a four weeks' season at the Gailey Theatre and consisted, as it now does, of 14 people. The repertoire included the following comic operas, viz.: *Pinfaro*, *Pirates*, *Patience*, *Cloches de Duschesne* and *Madame Angot*; exclusive of operetas, viz.:—*Trial by Jury*, *Up the River*, *Retained on both Sides* and *The Rose of Avangre*. I may add also two other operas which will be played by this company at Calcutta next March, viz., *Les Maitaques Noirs* and the *Mikado*. The native population, composed of Hindoo, Mahomedans and Parsees, seldom, if ever, patronises European performances, consequently companies have to visit only the largest of the military and civil stations in the Mofussil. Mr. Salinger's family comprise four very clever people, who give their services voluntarily. His two daughters are exceedingly popular. The eldest Miss Tilly Savory, prima donna, possesses a fine soprano voice. His daughter Leon, formerly with the Pollards, is a pleasing young actress. Mr. Herbert Salinger is considered a very funny Dick Dead Eye, and the other members of the company are more or less popular. Mr. Salinger is now touring towards Calcutta, where he will open shortly for a season of four weeks, after which he intends travelling through Burma, Singapore, China, Japan and Java; returning probably to India next year with additional operas, and a augmented company.

Among the passengers who arrived at Singapore by the *Asiatic Minerva* on the 6th instant, en route for Europe, were Admiral Rola, Commander-in-chief of the Spanish naval forces on the Philippine station, and General Molina.

The *Rangoon Gazette* bears on reliable authority that recently in the interior of Upper Burma is as rampant as ever, if it is not positively increasing; and that unless small Police and military posts of from 30 to 100 men are established throughout the districts in strategic positions, and commanding radii of 15 miles to protect the villages, there will probably soon be compelled to side with the dacoits who are now overrunning the country.

At the little church in the Wilderness, Shanghai, says the *Cathay Post* of the 10th instant, great surprise was manifested by the congregation last Sunday morning, when the presiding clergymen publicly offered up prayers for special rescue of the individual himself for the safe arrival of an addition to the community from the perils and dangers of the seas on the outward voyage.

and talk too with His Excellency. We understand that a Chinese officer of the third rank may stand at His Excellency's door till the characters have faded on his card before getting an audience, and when admitted will have but a stern and harsh reception, quite different from the blandness shown to Europeans. Oh, but His Excellency is friendly to Europeans!

If, when the Ambassador from Anam begged for succour, his wrath had been stirred, and he had sent his trained troops to resist Western invasion, the French would not have got their will and should have had no alarm of mutiny in the North. If, after the victory at Liangchuan, he had advanced with precipitation, though he might not have received the honour of China, yet France, disdained as she was, might have done no further harm. The fate of the Empire could have been turned round only by His Excellency at that time. But, though not originating peace negotiations, he secretly helped them, and finally by his power completed them. And now the former minister of France declares that none but His Excellency can settle the boundary question. So great is his wisdom and astuteness. Oh, but His Excellency is good to the Europeans!

In Europe and China alike, office should be given to the competent. The rule in China is to degrade a man who does not work. But His Excellency employs Germans to teach naval drill; and, though for months they are absent from duty, His Excellency pays them all the same. Oh, but His Excellency is bountiful to Europeans!

When Europeans employ Chinese they pay them less than China does; but when His Excellency employs Europeans he pays them as much as China does. And he employs them in preference to Chinese. Oh, but His Excellency is liberal to Europe.

Last year when Chinese troops were reviewed the discipline was fairly good, and the armament also sufficient, but the pity was that the officers were not persevering at drill, the rations were insufficient, and the men were also disengaged of them; so that they lost heart. His Excellency was bent on using European methods and at the same time neglected Chinese methods. Even in his transactions about foreign affairs, one half was squandered on useless rubbish, and His Excellency winked at it, so that Europe might have no useless rubbish on their hands. Oh, but His Excellency is considerate of Europeans!

The Chinese mind was still uneducated, and accustomed to regard excellence merely as a specialty of Europeans. But for His Excellency to should not have had the rich accession of Western learning in China which we now see. We have a dynamite department, an electric department, an engine department, manufacturing department, a military bureau, a scientific college—we are just yearning to convert Chinese civilization into European. This is all very like the struggle of His Excellency's self-forgetful metropolitan spirit. No body else could have brought it about. Oh, but His Excellency does on Europeans!

The Chinese were by nature simple and straightforward. They had a strong sense of justice; and treated people according to their estimate of them. But for His Excellency's special patronage the Chinese would never have obtained the perfect freedom to roam over China to their hearts content which they now enjoy. Oh, but His Excellency is loyal to the Europeans!

Prussia by one victory rose to be a first power in Europe. A small European State with a determined purpose becomes strong, by a wise selection of means at its own disposal; and a large State remains powerful by fidelity to its own traditions, and natural development of its own resources, without losing its own people to emigration. That China is now springing European in every detail, is very like the work of His Excellency. But His Excellency looks high up to the young tree, and marked with a stick to enable us to identify the different kinds, and note their relative adaptability to the soil and climate of Hongkong. This comparison has been very interesting, and will be valuable in enabling us to select the most suitable kinds in future. The three species which are conspicuously superior to the others, and which may be considered an unqualified success, are *E. robusta*, *citriodora*, and *tereticornis*. The next in order are *mucronata*, *platyphylla*, *corymbosa*, *retusa*, and *haematoxylon*. These five kinds have not done so well on the exposed hills near the Military Sanatorium as in the three hills above Powder Magazine; and at Sikpokpo. The total number planted being 16,308. Each species was planted in a clump, and marked with a stick to enable us to identify the different kinds, and note their relative adaptability to the soil and climate of Hongkong. This comparison has been very interesting, and will be valuable in enabling us to select the most suitable kinds in future. The three species which are conspicuously superior to the others, and which may be considered an unqualified success, are *E. robusta*, *citriodora*, and *tereticornis*. The next in order are *mucronata*, *platyphylla*, *corymbosa*, *retusa*, and *haematoxylon*. These five kinds have not done so well on the exposed hills near the Military Sanatorium as in the three hills above Powder Magazine. These have all done well.

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39. Preparations were made on the hill south of the Little Hongkong estuary. A large number of seedlings have sprung up, but in rather irregular patches. It would be premature to pronounce upon the issue of this experiment at present. The result will be more apparent next year.

20. Some Bischoffia and Camphor were planted on Mount Davis. Camphor and Cork Oaks were also planted on the hills above the Powder Magazine. These have all done well.

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31. The planting of *Cassia Lignea* that were made on the hills north of the salutary box, were not successful because it did not grow well, and was perhaps more useful on account of the various drawbacks.

32. 10,000 young Camphor trees were raised during the season in Kowloon namey, and will be planted out as soon as the weather is suitable.

33. Preparations were made in the nursery at Sikpokpo for raising a similar quantity of Camphor next year; but Camphor seeds are very scarce this year, and the price has risen to five hundred per cent. I have therefore decided to sow the ground with Pine seeds instead.

34. Upwards of one thousand young trees have this year been destroyed by grass fires. We have not been able in any of the cases to ascertain the cause of the fires.

35. The Forest Guards made twenty-two arrests during the year; twenty of the offenders were fined or sentenced by the Magistrate in terms of imprisonment. The fines varied from five dollars to fifty cents and the terms of imprisonment from three days to three weeks.

36. The number of arrests is very considerable, in proportion to the actual damage done to the plantations. The Forest Guards have frequently complained of being intimidated by bands of woodcutters. The villages at Aberdeen are notorious for their wild and unruly propensities and the Forest Guards dressed having to enforce their authority in that quarter. A few months ago one of the guards, while trying to arrest three men who were stealing trees from the enclosed plantation at Aberdeen, was attacked and severely cut about the hands with a knife. The men escaped.

The area of planted land is yearly becoming more extensive, and the trees, as they grow, are becoming more valuable, and consequently more liable to be stolen.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DR. DOBERCK AND THE HEALTH STATISTICS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

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Sir,—You say Dr. Doberck in his annual report has analyzed the mortality statistics of the Registrar-General, and has found a cause for the higher death-rate last year in the prevalence of southerly winds.

This is very interesting, and now that Dr. Doberck has another clerk, he will be able to examine the Treasury accounts and tell us whether the disappearance of the accumulated balance is due to the increasing power of the sun's rays and the longer duration of sunlight; also whether the spots on the sun have anything to do with the state of the Central Market, and the amount of work done by the Steam Dredger.

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Mr. E. H. Parker's "Short Journey in Szechuan" are continued, and a goodly instalment of these travels in the interior of China is given. Mr. F. H. Balkow contributed a paper of some length entitled "The Emperor Chang, founder of the Chinese Empire," which will be read with genuine interest by students of Chinese history.

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